GRAYSON HIGHLANDS STATE PARK MASTER PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2003 RUGBY RESCUE SQUAD BUILDING MOUTH OF WILSON MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Committee members introduced themselves and the organization they represented.

Joe Elton, State Parks Director, gave an overview of the state park system, its purpose, history, and what the public expected from state parks. He thanked the committee for their willingness to help us develop the master plan for Grayson Highlands State Park.

John Davy, Director of the Division of Planning and Recreation Resources, gave a short synopsis of the *Code of Virginia* requirements for master planning at state parks. He also presented information about participation rates for outdoor recreational activities and other findings from the 2001 Virginia Outdoor Survey.

Harvey Thompson, Park Manager for Grayson Highlands State Park, presented a video and a slide show of the existing facilities at Grayson Highlands.

Dave Richert, Division of Natural Heritage, gave a presentation about the flora and fauna endemic to the Grayson Highlands area that were rare, threatened or endangered natural heritage resources.

Derral Jones, Planner for this park's master planning process, set a date for the next meeting, which will be on Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm, at the Rugby Rescue Squad Building in Mouth of Wilson.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.